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U.S. BEAN AND PEA EXPORTS HIGH

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IN 1959; BEANS SET RECORD

U.S. bean exports in 1959 set a record of 4.5 million bags, or more than double the 1958 total, while pea exports of 1.9 million bags were the highest in more than a decade. The previous bean export record was 3.9 million bags in 1952. The U.S. pea export record of 3.3 million bags was set in 1945.

## Beans

U.S. bean exports for the year in 1959 was a record 4.5 million bags, more than double the year before. The previous record for a calendar year was 3.9 million bags in 1952. Most of the trade went to the United Kingdom, Cuba and Mexico, who together took about 70 percent of the total U.S. exports.

The United Kingdom was the biggest market, taking 1.2 million bags, practically all Pea beans for the British canning industry. Cuba, the next largest customer, received a little over 1 million bags consisting mainly of 400,000 Small Reds, 250,000 Great Northerns, 180,000 Red Kidneys, and 150,000 Pintos. Mexico purchased 900,000 bags in 1959, 800,000 of which were Pintos and the remainder other colored types.

Total exports to 10 European markets in 1959, was a little over 2 million bags. Of this amount, 200,000 bags, mostly Pea and Great Northern, went to France. Spain got 180,000 bags mostly Small Reds, but some Great Northerns. Yugoslavia received approximately 150,000 bags, about evenly divided between Pea beans and Pintos. The Netherlands, Belgium and West Germany, took the balance of over 200,000 bags, mostly Pea and Great Northerns.

Beans: U.S. exports by class, and country of destination, year  
ending December 31, 1959

Country of destination	Navy or: pea	Great : northern:	Other : white	Red : kidney	Pinto	Small : red	Other : colored:	Seed	Total
	1,000 : bags 1/	1,000 : bags 1/	1,000 : bags 1/	1,000 : bags 1/	1,000 : bags 1/	1,000 : bags 1/	1,000 : bags 1/	1,000 : bags 1/	1,000 : bags 1/
North America:									
Canada .....	3 :	2/ :	15 :	2 :	2 :	2 :	9 :	10 :	43
Total .....	3 :	2/ :	15 :	2 :	2 :	2 :	9 :	10 :	43
Latin America:									
Cuba .....	1 :	254 :	6 :	183 :	152 :	403 :	11 :	2/ :	1,010
Bahamas .....	-- :	-- :	2 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	2
British Honduras :	-- :	-- :	-- :	6 :	-- :	-- :	2/ :	-- :	6
Costa Rica .....	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	30 :	-- :	-- :	30
Panama, Rep. ....	-- :	-- :	1 :	16 :	2/ :	1 :	2/ :	-- :	18
Trinidad .....	-- :	-- :	2/ :	8 :	-- :	-- :	1 :	-- :	9
Netherlands Ant. :	-- :	-- :	-- :	2 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	2
Nicaragua .....	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	25 :	-- :	-- :	25
Bermuda .....	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	1 :	-- :	1
Jamaica .....	-- :	-- :	-- :	2 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	2
Venezuela .....	-- :	55 :	6 :	13 :	12 :	2 :	57 :	2 :	147
Brazil .....	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	8 :	96 :	10 :	-- :	114
Mexico .....	-- :	14 :	1 :	2/ :	799 :	2 :	107 :	2 :	925
Total .....	1 :	323 :	16 :	230 :	971 :	559 :	187 :	4 :	2,291
Europe:									
Belgium .....	42 :	22 :	6 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	2/ :	70
West Germany .....	18 :	34 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	1 :	2 :	2 :	57
Netherlands .....	36 :	29 :	25 :	-- :	-- :	1 :	5 :	2 :	98
France .....	119 :	87 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	2/ :	7 :	213
United Kingdom ..	1,230 :	2 :	12 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	1 :	3 :	1,248
Switzerland .....	2 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	2/ :	2
Ireland .....	13 :	2/ :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	13
Yugoslavia .....	71 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	78 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	149
Spain .....	-- :	67 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	114 :	-- :	-- :	181
Italy .....	-- :	1 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	1 :	2
Total .....	1,531 :	242 :	43 :	-- :	78 :	116 :	8 :	15 :	2,033
Africa:									
Egypt .....	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	1 :	-- :	1
Algeria .....	8 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	8
Total .....	8 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	1 :	-- :	9
Asia:									
Philippines, Rep.:	-- :	2/ :	6 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	2/ :	-- :	6
Israel .....	-- :	22 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	22
Japan .....	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	1 :	-- :	1
Hong Kong .....	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	10 :	5 :	-- :	-- :	15
Total .....	-- :	22 :	6 :	-- :	10 :	5 :	1 :	-- :	44
Oceania:									
Australia .....	8 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	8
New Zealand .....	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	1 :	1
Total .....	8 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	1 :	9
Grand Total .....	1,551 :	587 :	80 :	232 :	1,061 :	682 :	206 :	30 :	4,430

1/ 100-lb. bags. 2/ Less than 500 bags.



Exports to 13 Latin American markets exceeded 2.3 million bags. After Cuba and Mexico, Venezuela was the next largest market taking over 140,000 bags, mostly Great Northern and other colored types. Brazil took over 100,000 bags, mostly Small Reds. Central American countries took the balance, practically all colored beans.

Canada bought over 40,000 bags of which about 25 percent was seed and the remainder Other White types.

Australia, Israel, Asian and African countries took the balance of the exports, which amounted to a little over 60,000 bags mostly Great Northern and Pinto.

### Peas

U.S. exports of dry, edible peas totaled 1.9 million bags in 1959. This was not a record, but it was the highest in over a decade.

In 1948, over 2 million bags were exported but the alltime record was set during World War II when 3.3 million bags were exported. Over 57 percent of this year's export was in Alaskas and other smooth green types, referred to as Alaskas (1 million bags) 36 percent was whole and split, yellow and white peas and lentils, referred to as yellow peas, and the remaining 7 percent consisting of 140,000 bags of seed.

Of the total 1959 pea exports, over 500,000 bags went to Latin America. Venezuela, our best U.S. market in the area, bought 260,000 bags of which 80 percent were yellow peas. The remainder consisted of Alaskas. Cuba took over 85,000 bags, 95 percent being Alaskas. Brazil bought 70,000 bags of which over 60 percent were the Alaskan type and the remainder seed. Brazil took 23,000 of the total 30,000 bags of seed sent to Latin America. Trinidad, a small but steady customer, took almost 60,000 bags of which 83 percent were yellow peas. Other smaller customers in Latin America were Surinam, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Uruguay. These countries bought the remaining 40,000 bags.

In 1959, the United States exported over 1.3 million bags of dry, edible peas to Europe. Of this total, 840,000 bags, or 67 percent were Alaskan peas, and 28 percent were yellow peas. The remaining 5 percent consisted of 67,000 bags of seed. The United Kingdom and Sweden took 85 percent of this seed. The best world market for U.S. peas is the United Kingdom who bought 750,000 bags in 1959. Of this amount, over 90 percent was Alaskas. West Germany took over 230,000 bags; 75 percent of these were yellow peas. The Netherlands bought over 100,000 bags -- 70 percent of these were yellow peas. Sweden bought 50,000 bags, a little more than one-third were seed. The Philippine Republic, Hong Kong and Israel took 20,000 bags of peas. Canada took 75,000 bags of which 51 percent were seed. The balance consisted of yellow peas.

Dry, edible peas: U.S. exports, year ending December 31, 1959

Country of destination	Dry, ripe : Green 1/	Dry, ripe : Other 2/	Seed	Total
	1,000 bags 3/	1,000 bags 3/	1,000 bags 3/	1,000 bags 3/
North America:				
Canada .....	4	33	38	75
Total .....	4	33	38	75
Latin America:				
Cuba .....	82	5	0	87
Trinidad .....	8	50	0	58
Dominican Republic .....	2	4/	0	2
Mexico .....	1	2	2	5
Panama, Republic of ....	4/	10	0	10
Chile .....	4/	1	0	1
Venezuela .....	56	205	0	261
Brazil .....	46	4	23	73
Peru .....	6	4/	0	6
Uruguay .....	0	0	4	4
Surinam .....	0	13	0	13
Total .....	201	290	29	520
Europe:				
Iceland .....	3	1	0	4
France .....	1	0	0	1
Switzerland .....	2	13	6	21
Netherlands .....	34	79	0	113
Belgium .....	50	4	2	56
Germany, West .....	52	182	0	234
United Kingdom .....	685	26	38	749
Italy .....	5	0	2	7
Norway .....	4	12	0	16
Sweden .....	6	28	19	53
Denmark .....	0	4	0	4
Total .....	842	349	67	1,258
Asia:				
Philippines .....	4	4	0	8
Hong Kong .....	9	0	0	9
Israel .....	2	2	0	4
Total .....	15	6	0	21
Sample and other countries:	16	14	5	35
Grand Total .....	1,078	692	139	1,909

1/ Alaskas and other smooth green types. 2/ Yellow and white peas, split and whole and lentils. 3/ 100-lb. bags. 4/ Less than 500 bags.